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Department of Medical Genetics

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Dear George:

I hope this catches you before you leave Sweden, but if not the copy is waiting for you at Kingston.

Dr. Rusch at the McArdle Laboratory has assured me of some funds to pay for your expenses if you wished to visit Madison in June. We are rather tight this time of year, and if you are making other visits to the vicinity ~~make~~ we would appreciate your sharing the costs. However we can guarantee up to \$125 which should be enough for your air fare from any point on the East Coast. If you can manage it, would you let us know your schedule? On the whole, the time just before the Kingston meeting would be preferable to after, but you must consult your own convenience.

I would be even more urgent about asking you to come at this time if I were not coupling this invitation with another one. As you must know, there is going to be a most interesting conference at Gatlinburg next April. If you will read the enclosed circulars you will see what difficulties have arisen, and how we are now dealing with them. To get to the point, the committee for the symposium here would be most pleased if you would participate at Madison as a 'discussion leader', in addition to your role at Gatlinburg. As you can judge the audience will be quite distinct; perhaps a dozen people, mostly participants, will be shuttling from Gatlinburg to Madison.

I hope you are going to find it possible to accept at least one of these invitations, if not both. In either, or both cases, Esther and I are looking forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

P.S. Has Francois Jacob been in touch with you? He is organizing a meeting on virus-bacterial genetics at Royaumont just before the Stockholm affair. If we could raise enough for Esther and myself together, we would certainly make the trip, despite the high hecticcy coefficient of current affairs.